

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-26 are pending. Claims 1, 10, 18, and 26, the only independent claims, have been amended. Claims 5, 13, and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/87643 (Mazzara). Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 10, 18, and 26 are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites, inter alia, a bandwidth change means for sequentially changing bandwidths allocated to call connected user terminals so that the used bandwidth of each of the communication carriers is in a predetermined range based on at least the carrier band information, the carrier use condition information and user use condition information indicating the current use conditions of the call connected ones of the user terminals.

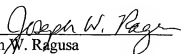
Mazzara shows a wireless line sharing network. In the Office Action, Mazzara's paragraphs [0006], [0009], [0011], [0015], [0017] and [0018] were alleged to teach this feature, as it was recited in now-cancelled claim 5. Applicant disagrees. The cited portions of Mazzara discuss selecting a primary band from a predetermined access list and using a secondary band, selected from an access list, if there are no available channels. However, there is no teaching or suggestion in the cited portions of Mazzara of sequentially changing bandwidths allocated to call connected user terminals so that the used bandwidth of each of the communication carriers is in a predetermined range based on at least the carrier band information, the carrier use condition information and user use condition information indicating the current use conditions of the call connected ones of the user terminals, as recited in amended claim 1. For at least this reason, claim 1 is believed patentable over the cited art. The other independent claims recite a substantially similar feature and are believed patentable for substantially similar reasons.

The dependent claims are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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